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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: ED WITH AMBASSADOR MC CLOSKEY

REF: USIA 23966

1. APPRECIATE INFO CONTAINED REFTEL. THIS HAS BEEN PASSED TO CLUB AND WE ARE NOW WORKING OUT DETAILS FOR HK SIDE OF DIALOGUE.

2. ON TIME/DATE OF BROADCAST: 8:35-9:05 AM EST WEDNESDAY, DEC, ELEVENTH IS FINE. PLEASE NOTE THAT HK IS ONLY THIRTEEN HOURS AHEAD OF WASHINGTON. THUS, IT WILL BE WEDNESDAY EVENING DEC. ELEVENTH 2135 -2205 HK TIME, NOT DEC TWELFTH AS STATED REFTEL.

3. WE AGREE FULLY ON HALF HOUR DIALOGUE. HK MODERATOR WILL ATTEMPT TO WIND UP GRACEFULLY BY 2205 HOURS. AS SAFETY MEASURE, WE PLAN BOOK CIRCUIT THROUGH TO 2225, IN EVENT DIALOGUE STARTS LATE OR SHOULD AMBASSADOR MC CLOSKEY WANT TO CARRY THROUGH ON DISCUSSION POINTS.

4. WE PROPOSE BOOK TWO-WAY CIRCUIT WHT WASHINGTON THROUGH HK CABLE AND WIRELESS. DETAILS FOLLOW REFTEL. ALSO, PROPOSE CONDUCT DRY RUN OF CIRCUIT DEC. FOURTH, ASSUMING WE HAVE VIDEOCASSETT BY THAT DATE. APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AT YOUR END FOR THIS TEST AND ADVISE US DETAILS.

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5. FYI-- CBS HERE SOMEWHAT BAFFLED BY INABILITY KALBS TO DO

INTERVIEW. END FYI. DELIGHTED KABAHER ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN VIDEO SEGMENT. HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE OTHER CORRESPONDENT, IN CLUB'S VIEW. THE MENTIONED TED KOPPEL (ABC), AND LEE LESCAZE (WP) AS POSSIBILITIES.

6. ON ED PORTION, PREFER AMB MC CLOSKEY BE SOLE PARTICIPANT WITH OPENING AND CLOSING DONE HERE.

7. PLAN TO SEND SELECTION OF ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS AS DATE APPROACHES.

8. VTR SHOULD BE IN VIDEOCASSETTE FORM. WE REQUEST THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 20 - MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH AMB MC CLOSKEY, CAMERA BE FOCUSED ON A STILL PICTURE OF THE AMBASSADOR AND ALLOWED TO RUN FOR THE REST OF THE TIME REMAINING ON THE VTR. WITH 60 - MINUTE CASSETTE, THIS SHOULD GIVE US APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES OF STILL PICTURE. OBVIOUSLY, OUR PURPOSE REQUESTING THIS IS TO KEEP THE IMAGE OF THE AMBASSADOR ON THE SCREEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE ACTUAL DIALOGUE.

9. ACTION OFFICER IN HONG KONG FOR THIS PROJECT IS IO FREDRIC FISHER. PLEASE ADVISE NAME ACTION OFFICER AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN WASHINGTON.
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